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In re application of

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For: WAVEGUIDE JUNCTION WITH SILICON NITRIDE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

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3. A junction structure according to claim 1, wherein the dielectric layer below the further waveguide region is silicon dioxide.
4. A junction structure according to claim 2, wherein the substrate comprises a layer of silicon dioxide and a layer of silicon.
5. A junction structure according to any of claim 2, wherein the dielectric layer also extends over the light transmitting semiconductor layer.
7. A junction structure according to any of claim 2, wherein there is provided an anti-reflective layer over said end face.